

MASSACHUSETTS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM

2015

Total Violent Deaths in MA*
Count = 837
Rate = 12.3/100,000

	HOMICIDE			SUICIDE			UNDETERMINED		
	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000
SEX									
Male	114	78.1	3.5	468	74.2	14.2	31	60.8	0.9
Female	32	21.9	0.9	163	25.8	4.7	20	39.2	0.6
Total	146	100.0	2.2	631	100.0	9.3	51	100.0	0.8
RACE/ETHNICITY									
White non-Hispanic	45	30.8	0.9	552	87.5	10.9	44	86.3	0.9
Black non-Hispanic	60	41.1	12.0	32	5.1	6.4	2	3.9	--
Asian	2	1.4	--	18	2.9	4.0	0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic	38	26.0	5.0	26	4.1	3.4	4	7.8	--
Other race/ethnicity	1	0.7	--	3	0.5	--	1	2.0	--
Total	146	100.0	2.2	631	100.0	9.3	51	100.0	0.8
AGE GROUP									
0-14	3	2.1	--	5	0.8	--	0	0.0	0.0
15-24	48	32.9	5.0	76	12.0	8.0	0	0.0	0.0
25-34	48	32.9	5.1	108	17.1	11.5	6	11.8	0.6
35-44	22	15.1	2.6	89	14.1	10.7	8	15.7	1.0
45-54	8	5.5	0.8	156	24.7	16.0	17	33.3	1.7
55-64	6	4.1	0.7	113	17.9	12.5	13	25.5	1.4
65-74	6	4.1	1.0	47	7.4	8.0	3	5.9	--
75-84	5	3.4	--	26	4.1	8.7	0	0.0	0.0
85+	0	0.0	0.0	11	1.7	7.0	4	7.8	--
Total	146	100.0	2.2	631	100.0	9.3	51	100.0	0.8
MARITAL STATUS (Ages 15+)									
Married	24	16.8	0.9	183	29.2	6.8	10	19.6	0.4
Never Married	100	69.9	5.0	302	48.2	15.0	24	47.1	1.2
Widowed	6	4.2	1.9	32	5.1	10.0	3	5.9	--
Divorced	12	8.4	2.3	107	17.1	20.1	13	25.5	2.4
Unknown	1	0.7	--	2	0.3	--	1	2.0	--
Total	143	100.0	2.6	626	100.0	11.3	51	100.0	0.9
EDUCATION LEVEL (Ages 25+)									
8th grade or less	5	5.3	--	13	2.4	5.9	3	5.9	--
9-12th grade, high school diploma, or GED	68	71.6	4.8	285	51.8	20.1	30	58.8	2.1
Some college, Associate, or Bachelor's degree	19	20.0	0.9	192	34.9	8.9	15	29.4	0.7
Master's, Doctorate, or Professional degree	3	3.2	--	57	10.4	7.0	1	2.0	--
Unknown	0	0.0	--	3	0.5	--	2	3.9	--
Total	95	100.0	2.1	550	100.0	11.9	51	100.0	1.1
TOTAL	146	100.0	2.2	631	100.0	9.3	51	100.0	0.8

Source: Massachusetts Violent Death Reporting System, Injury Surveillance Program, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

- Data were extracted and compiled by the Injury Surveillance Program, Bureau of Community Health and Prevention, MDPH, August 2017.
- Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2015) and analyzed by ICD-10 code.
- Data is for occurrent deaths only; Massachusetts residents who died out-of-state are excluded from this analysis.
- Rates are crude rates and were not calculated on counts of less than six. Rates that are based on counts less than 20 may be unstable.
- Population data used to calculate rates are based on 2015 population estimates generated by the National Center for Health Statistics in collaboration with the U.S. Census Bureau (http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/bridged_race.htm) and the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-year estimates.
- For additional information and technical notes, please refer to the annual reports which can be found at www.mass.gov/dph/isp.

* Total violent deaths include eight legal intervention deaths and one unintentional firearm death that are not included in the table.

